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Who's Who

PREVIOUSLY...



Since Dr. Eggman launched his evil DEATH EGG Mark 2 battle station, the Freedom Fighters have had it pretty rough! The evil (omelet) dictator's first attack was the "Cosmic Reset Button," which altered reality itself!

Super Sonic was able to set the world right, but was unable to save Sally as she bravely sacrificed herself to stop Eggman's World Robotizer. Transforming her into the most menacing evil the planet Mobius has ever seen: MECHA SALLY.

Meanwhile, Ixis Wizard Apprentice Geoffrey St. John was finally convicted of treason by the high court of the Acorn Kingdom. Though Commander Antoine D'Colette successfully prosecuted the skunk for his crimes, King Ixis Naugus, the evil Ixis Wizard, used his royal pardon to let Geoffrey off the hook. With Naugus' apprentice free, and his rule unchallenged, the former royal family have chosen exile.



The Freedom Fighters now prepare to deliver the former royal family to their new life away from the public eye...



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS



ANTOINE D'COLETTE
COMMANDER



BUNNIE D'COLETTE
FORMER RABBIT



TAILS &
AMY ROSE
AIR SUPPORT

UNTHINKABLE



ANTOINE'S JOURNAL

The recent days and weeks have been full of the highs and lows.

My darling wife has had her body restored, but our King --our TRUE King--has imposed the self-exile to protect himself and his family.

C'MON, NOGGY ONLY STOLE YOUR LEGACY AND KINGDOM FROM YOU. ^{TAHEM?} YOU CAN STILL LIVE HERE.

NO, WE CAN'T. MY PRESENCE WILL FURTHER DESTABILIZE THE MORALE OF THE WEARY CITIZENS.



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...AND, WELL, THIS IS NAUGUS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. WITH THE DEATH EGG OUT THERE, YOU DON'T NEED FURTHER TROUBLE AT HOME.

I KNOW, I KNOW. I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING. I JUST WISH YOU'D STICK AROUND.

The Acorns will take the Mobo-Cruiser from New Mobotropolis to Queen Consort Megan's old home in Feral Forest. I do not expect any of the troubles from Naugus WITHIN the city. There are too many witnesses.

The turnout for the farewell gathering is expected to be huge. I am not understanding --if the people love Elias, why are they putting their faith in Naugus?

But that is something I will investigate later. Tomorrow the FREEDOM FIGHTERS will provide the escort to ensure that Naugus and St. John do not try anything.

THEN LET'S DO IT TO IT!

THIS IS SONIC TO THE TORNADO. ...YOU READ ME?

LOUD AND CLEAR!

It is my hope that with such a show of force...

...NAUGUS won't try anything foolish, and that we will be prepared if the Death Egg returns.

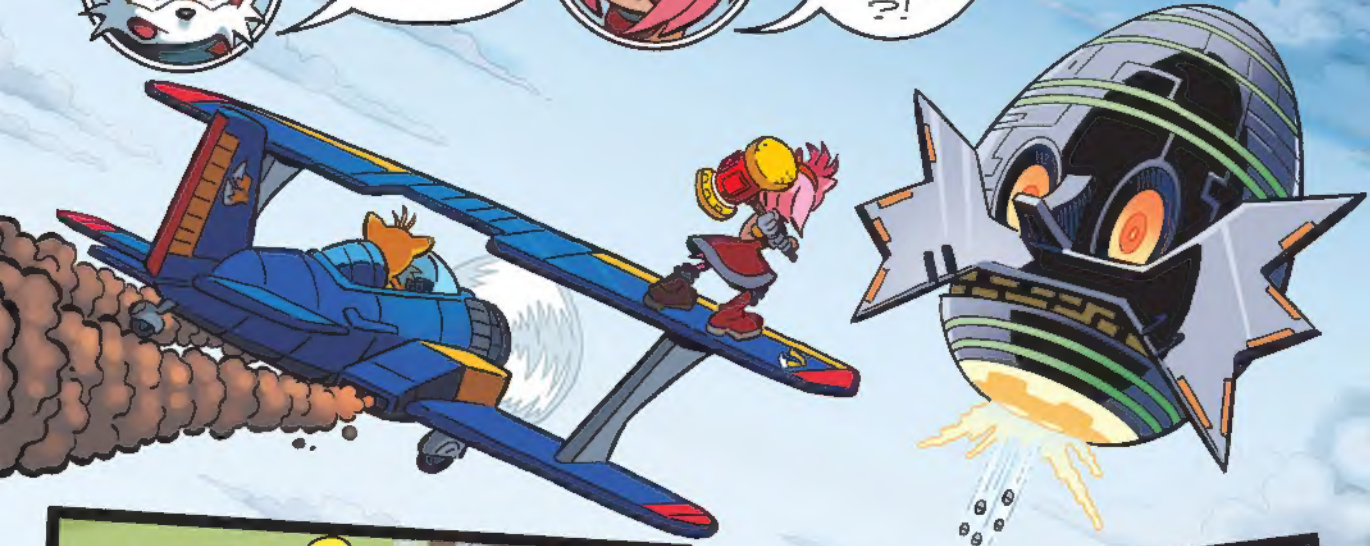
SOON...




HEADS-UP!
DEATH EGG
APPROACHING
AT ONE
O'CLOCK
HIGH!




HOW
DOES
HE KEEP
HIDING
THAT
THING
?!







SEE, YOU GUYS SHOW UP, AND THEN I SMASH YOU TO-- WHOA! NEAT TRICK!



Sonic was the obvious choice to lead the ground defense. He can handle himself.




Tails will, of course, provide the cover from the air...




YEAH! TAKE THAT!

VREEEEEE
SKOOM!


PIKO!




...while Amy can take Sonic's place for the wing support.




Bunnie and I will provide the back-up for Sonic. While I cannot refuse my brave wife's request to be joining us...



NICE TRY -- BUT NOT TODAY!



SMILE FO' THE CANNON, YOU UGLY...



...I worry she hasn't adjusted to being "NORMAL" again.



...OH... RIGHT...

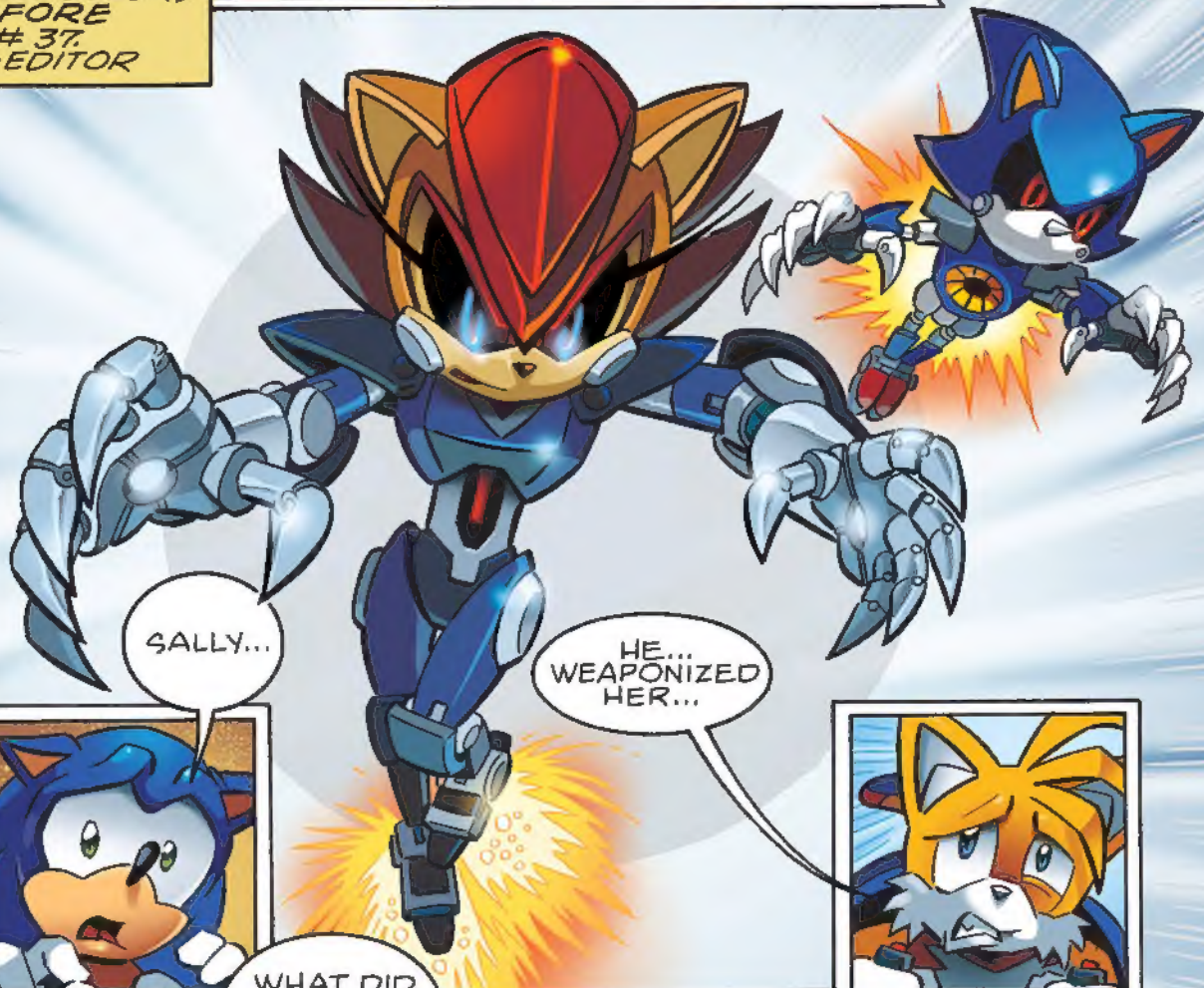
WE'RE SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES AMONG THE EGG-SWATS, AND THE PRIMARY TARGET IS PULLING AWAY, JUST AS I PREDICTED THIS WOULD GO...

OH, QUIT YOUR WHINING. THIS WAS JUST THE OPENING ACT.

LAUNCH THE PLAYERS FOR...

...**"ACT TWO."**

NOTE: THIS ISSUE OCCURS BEFORE SU # 37.
--EDITOR



SALLY...

HE... WEAPONIZED HER...



WHAT DID THAT SICKO DO TO HER?





If the Death Egg appears, I would find myself--how you say--divided. It would be giving us the chance to save our dear princess...

...but at the same time, I am afraid of what the Doctor has done to her.

MAYDAY!
MAYDAY!
SHE'S COMING
RIGHT FOR
US!

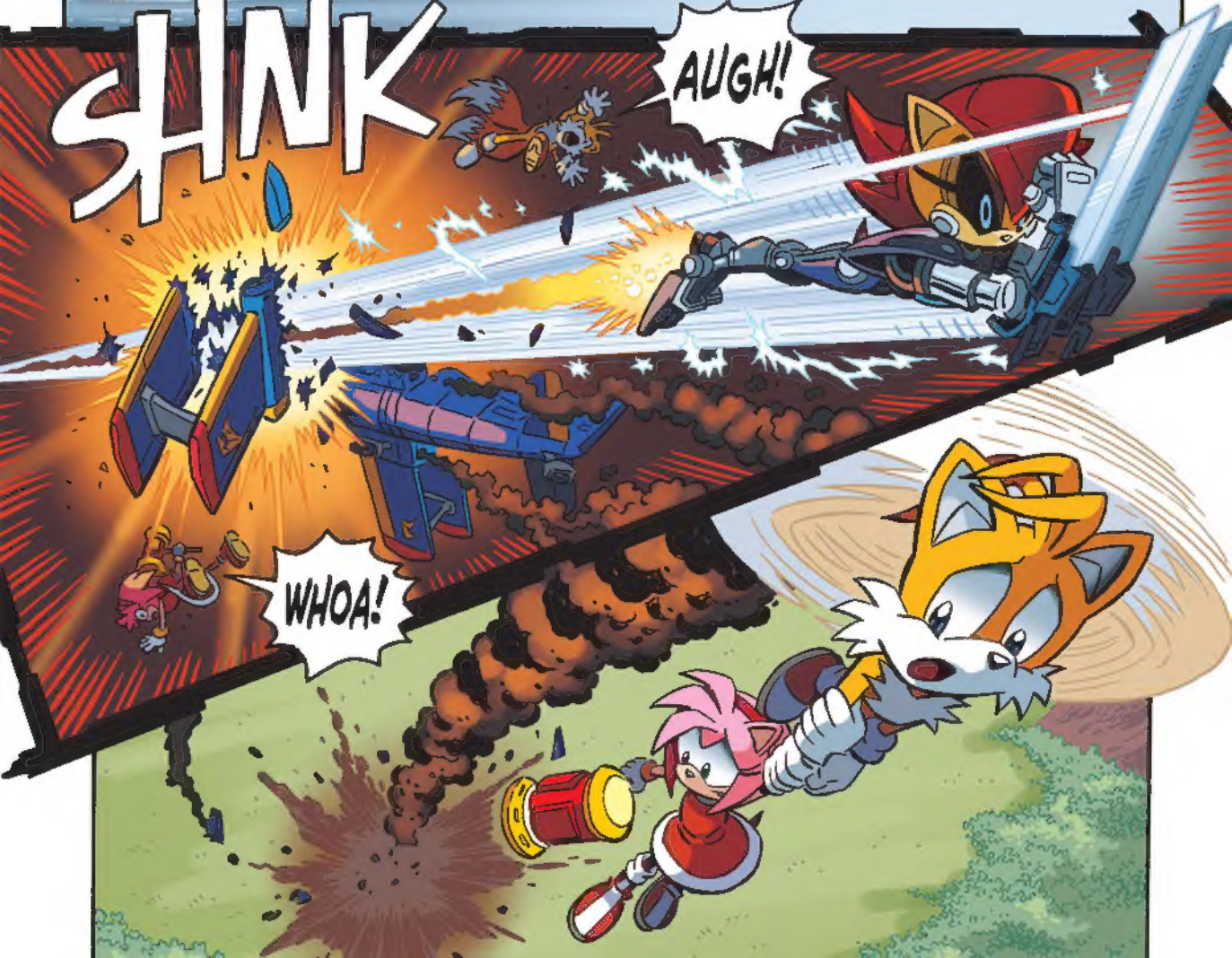
...NO...

THIS
ISN'T HER
FAULT.

I...I...



MOVING TO
ELIMINATE AIR
SUPPORT FOR
GROUND FORCES.
CHILDREN
DON'T BELONG
ON THE BATTLE-
FIELD.



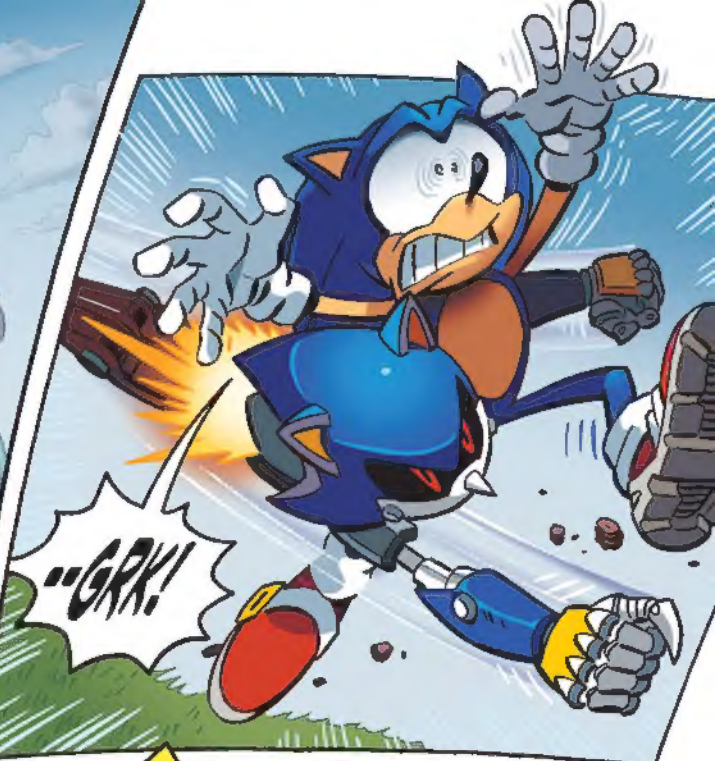
SHINK

AUGH!

WHOA!



LOOK OUT BELOW! I'M COMING TO--



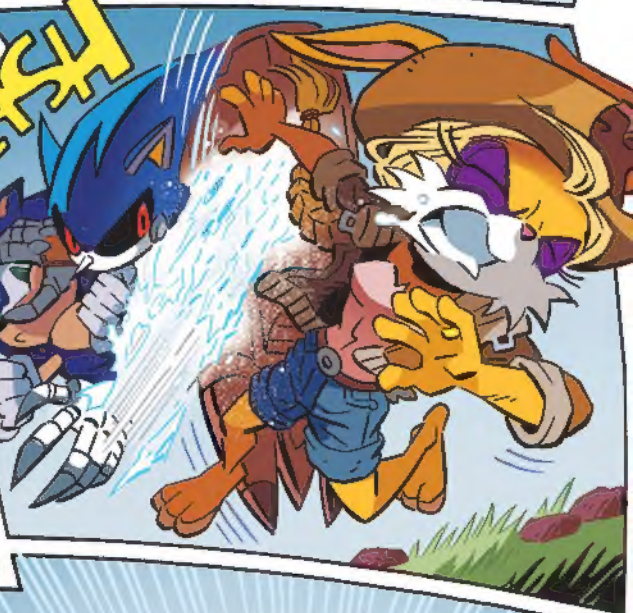
--GRK!



AH GOT HIM, SUGAR-HOG! I'VE TANGLED WITH...

...TOUGHER ROBOT-SONICS THAN--

SLASH



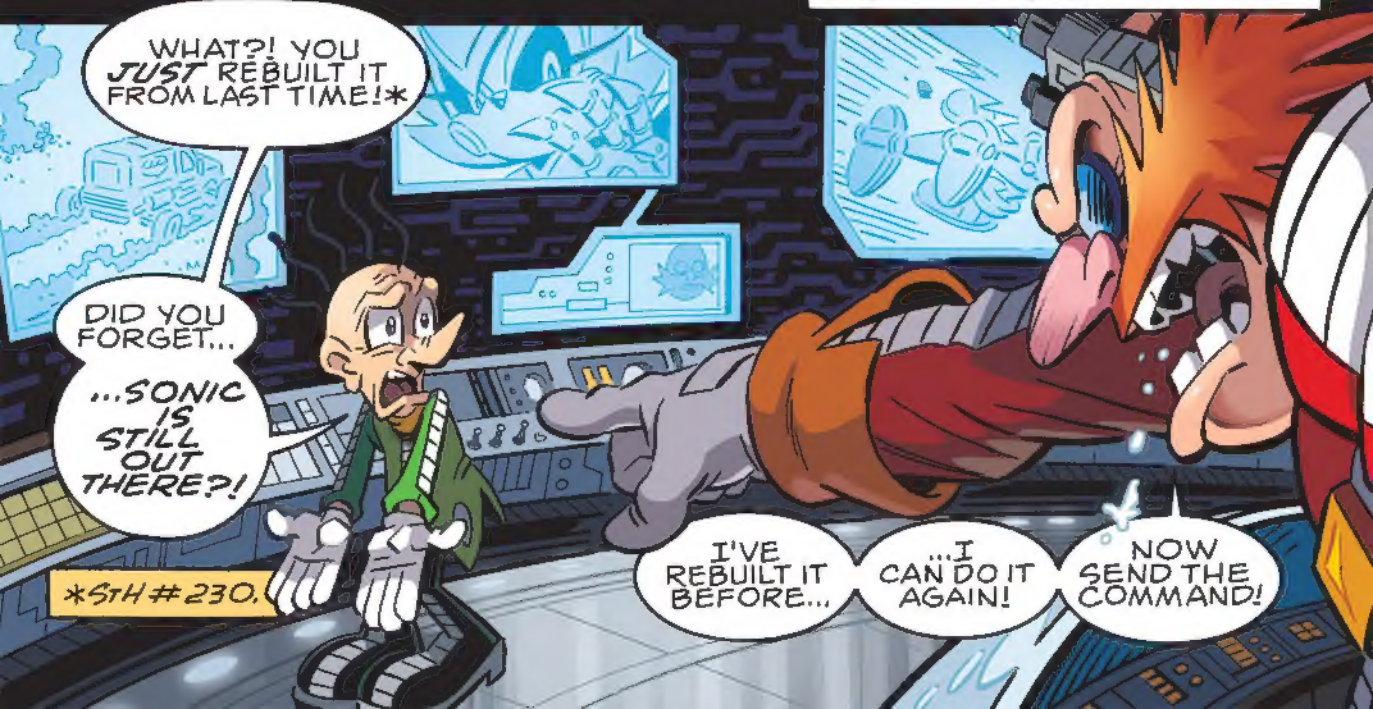
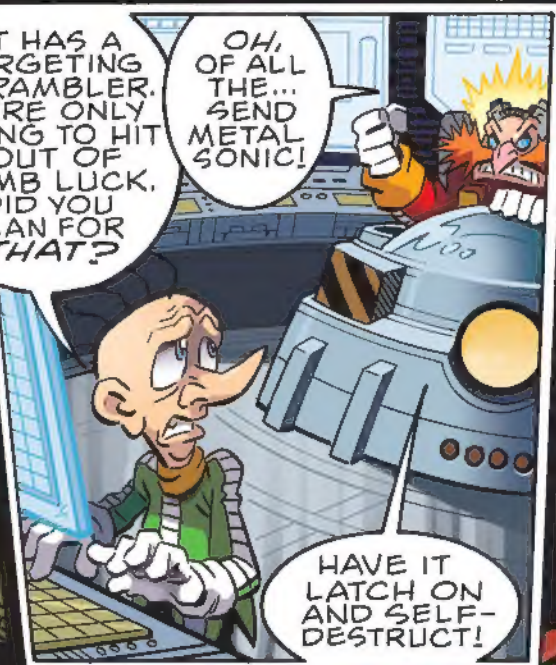
AH I'M NOT DOWN FOR THE COUNT, YET! YOU...



KRUNK

YOU'VE LOST YOUR CYBERNETICS. YOU'RE NO THREAT.

POPE!

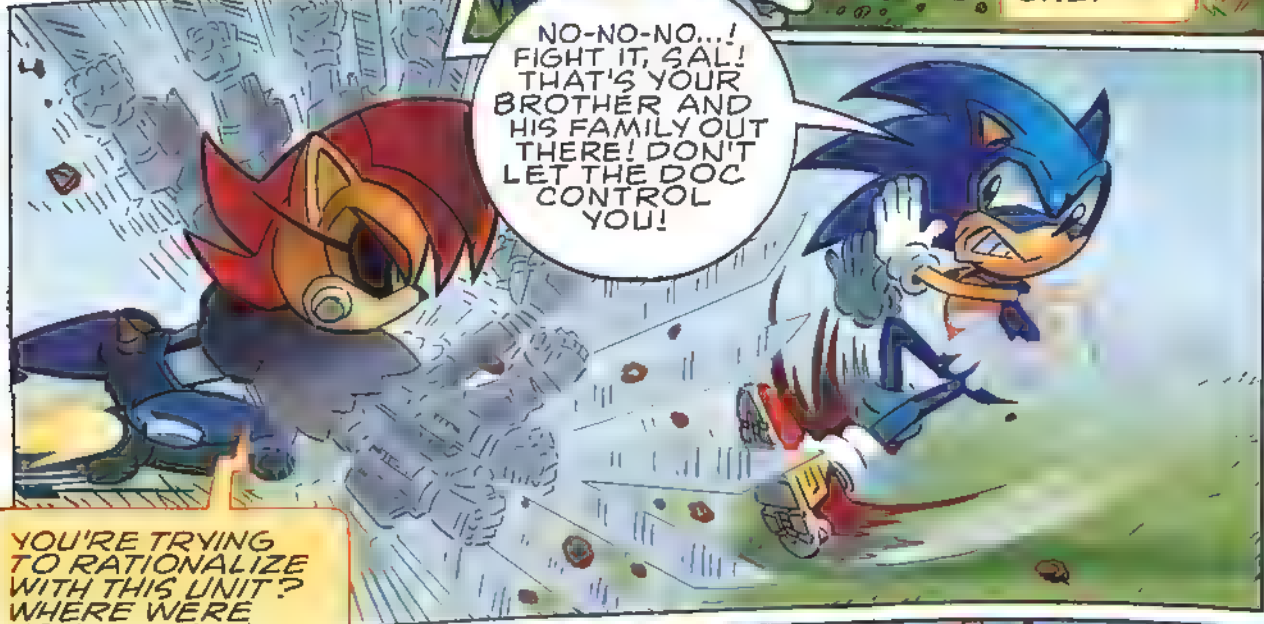




OH, NO YOU DON'T!
I'M THE JEALOUS TYPE, SO YOU-- YIPE!

ORDERS RECEIVED.
CHANGING TARGETS.

TARGET:
SONIC
PRIORITY ONE.



NO-NO-NO...!
FIGHT IT, SALLY!
THAT'S YOUR BROTHER
AND HIS FAMILY OUT
THERE! DON'T
LET THE DOC
CONTROL
YOU!

YOU'RE TRYING
TO RATIONALIZE
WITH THIS UNIT?
WHERE WERE
YOU WHEN THEY
WERE HANDING
THE BRAINS OUT?



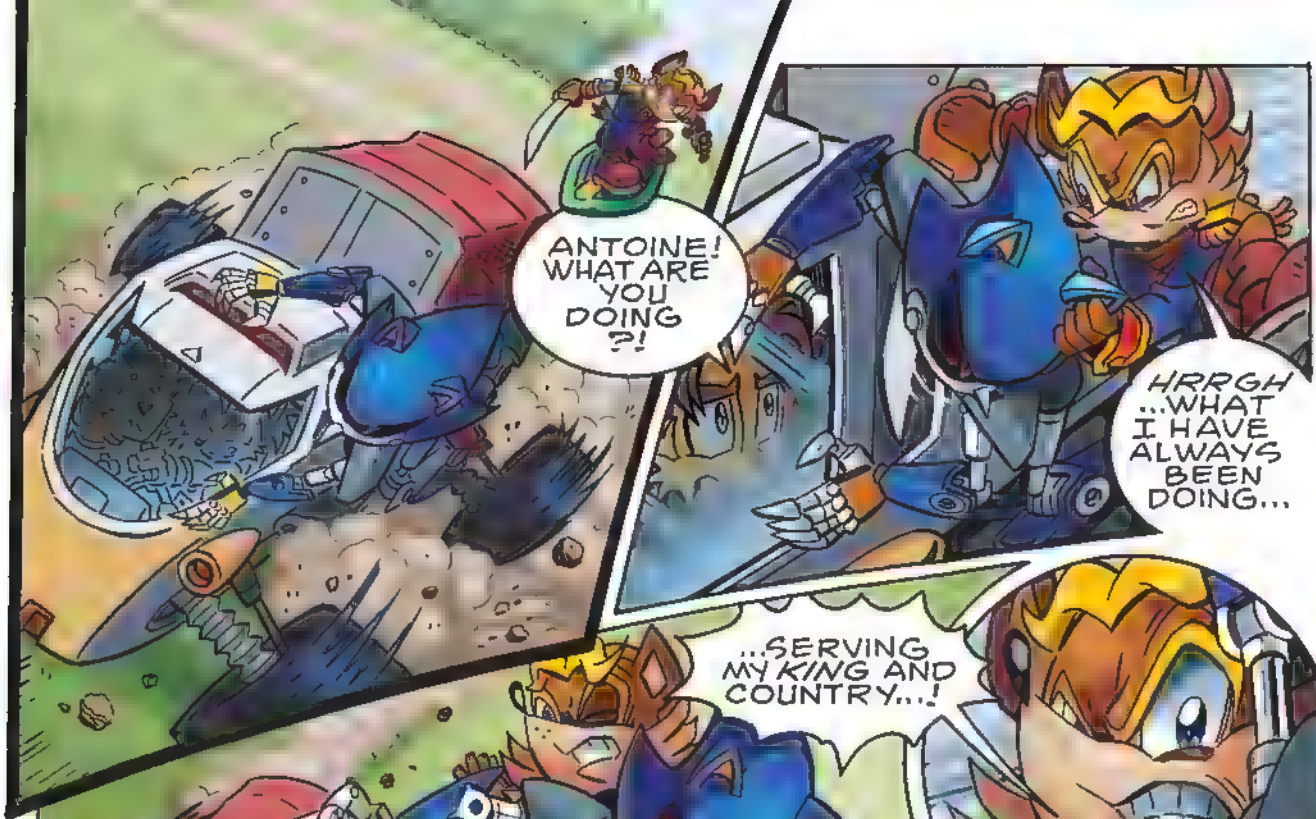
NOW YOU'RE
JUST BEING
INSULTING.

SONIC TO TEAM!
I'M TIED UP WITH
SALLY!

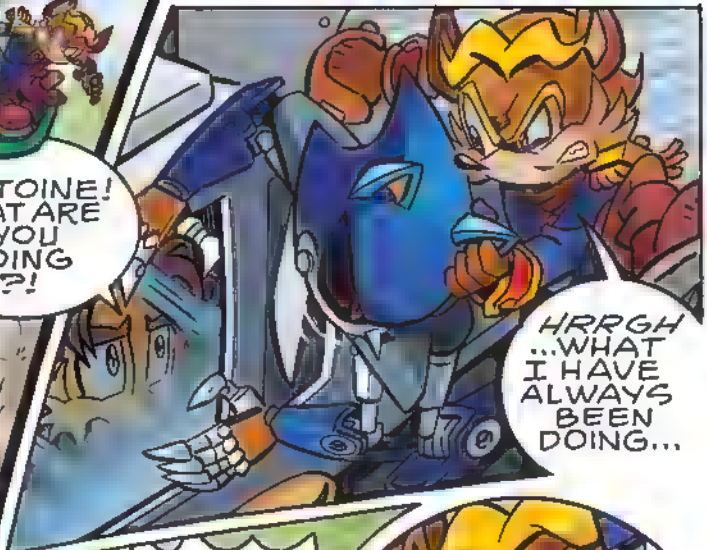


SOME-
BODY STOP
METAL SONIC
FROM GET-
TING TO THE
CRUISER!





ANTOINE!
WHAT ARE
YOU
DOING
?!



HRRGH
...WHAT
I HAVE
ALWAYS
BEEN
DOING...



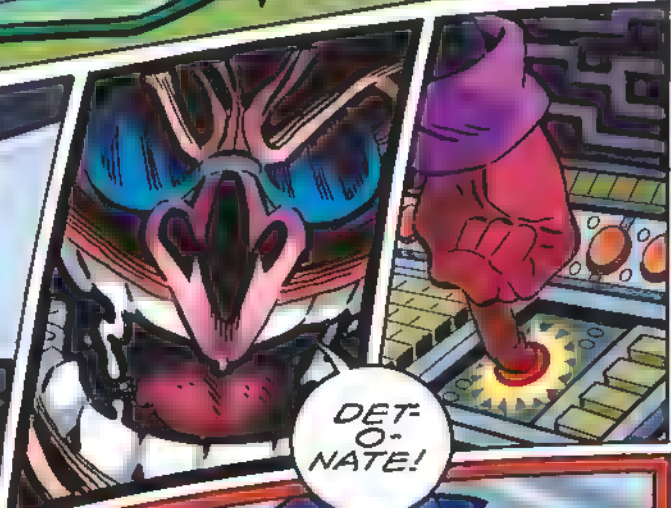
...SERVING
MY KING AND
COUNTRY...!



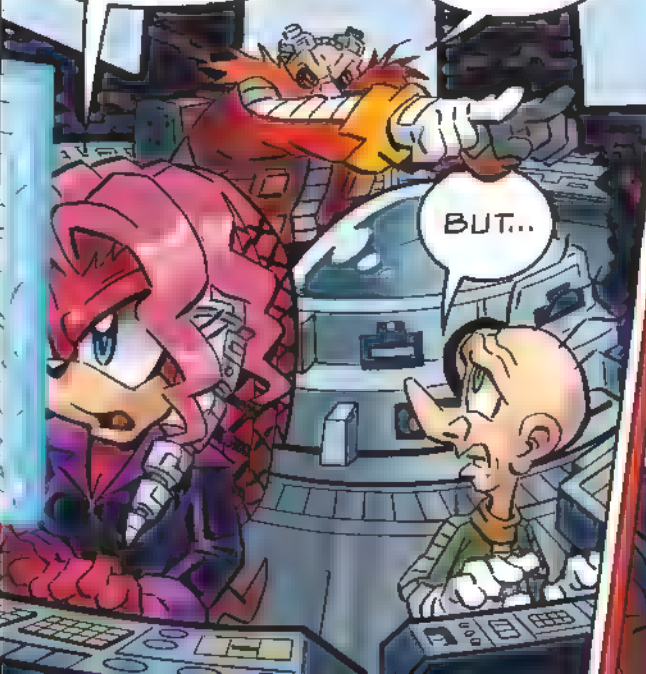
GREAT!
METAL SONIC
GOT TANGLED
ON A FREEDOM
FIGHTER!

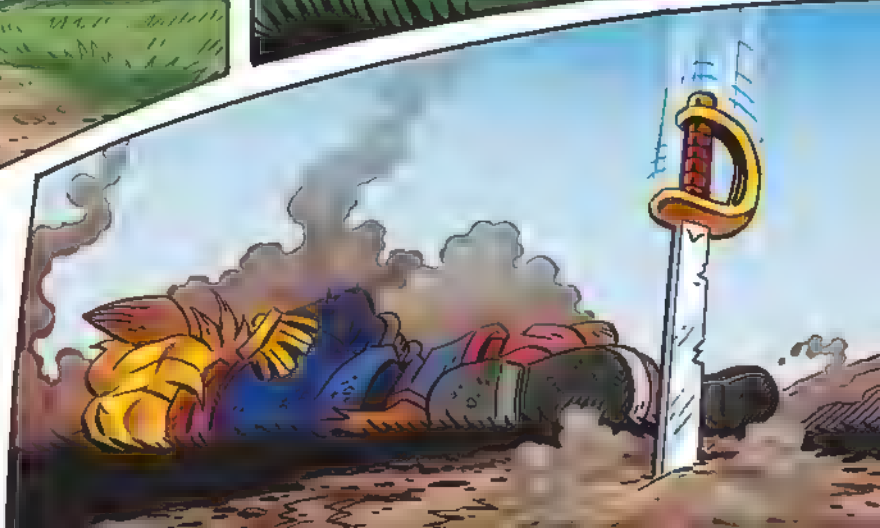
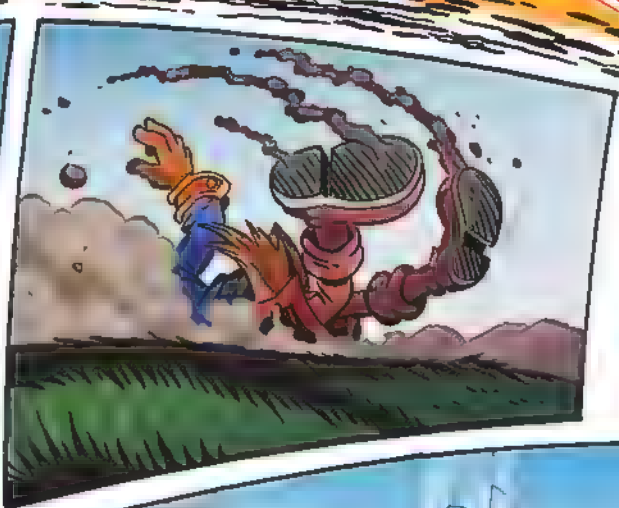
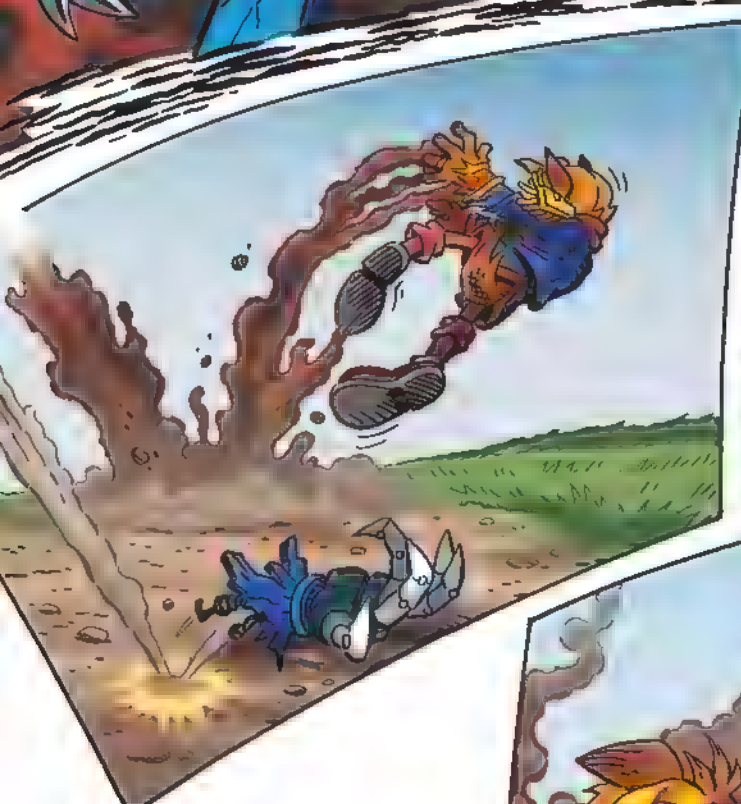
REALLY?!
SEND THE
COMMAND!
DETONATE!

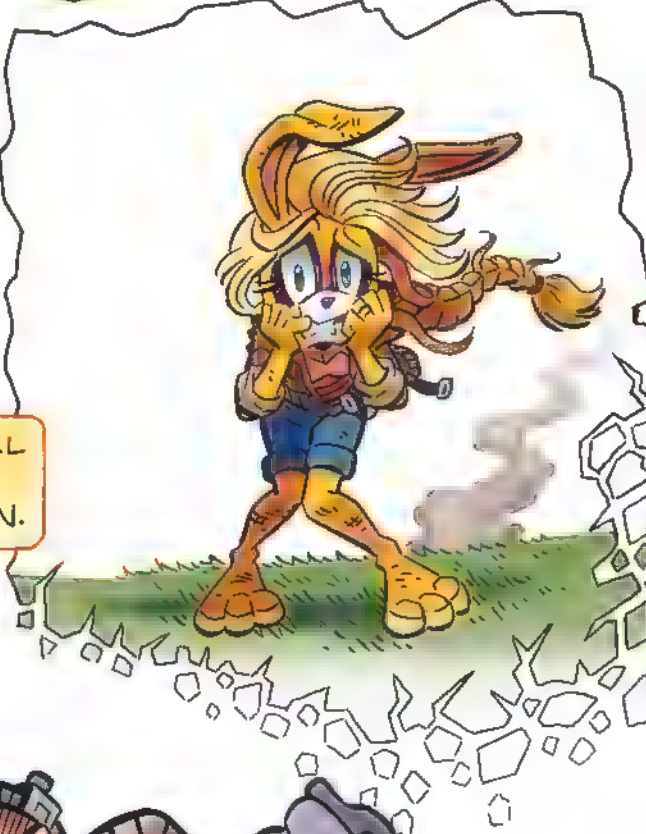
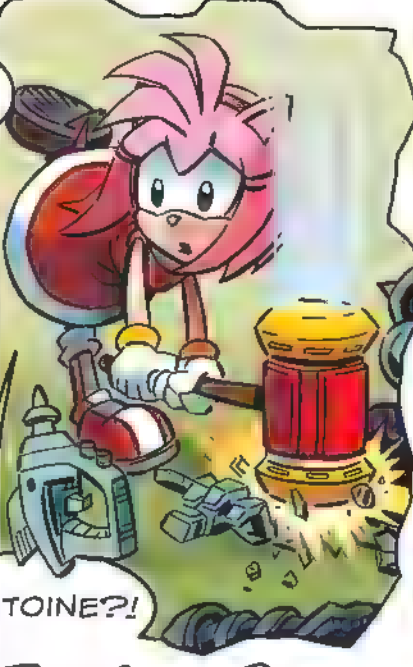
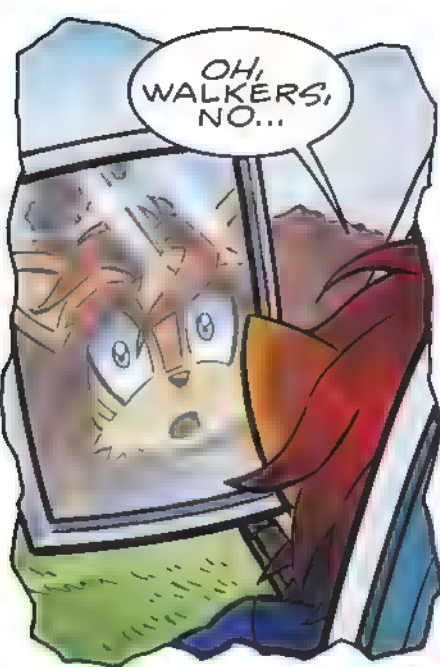
BUT...



DET-
O-
NATE!









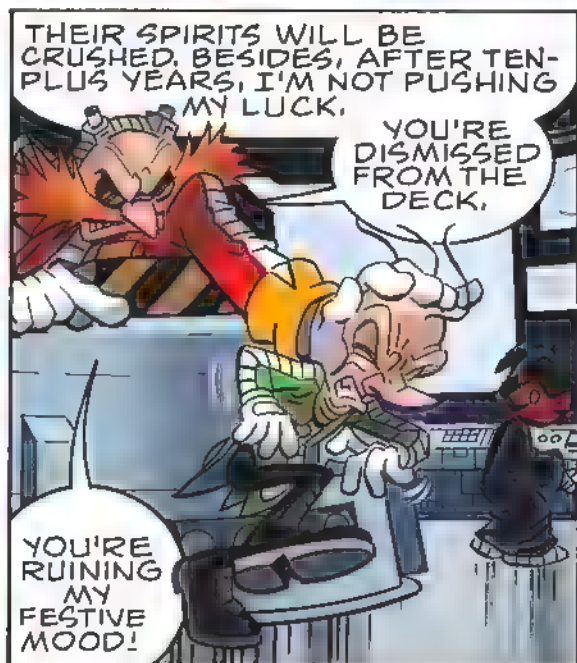
THAT'S IT!
PACK IT IN!
WE'RE DONE
HERE!

WHAT
?!



WE'RE HERE TO BLOW UP
THE FIGUREHEAD OF THE
STATE! WE HAVE THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS ON THE ROPES, AND
YOU'RE SETTling FOR
KILLING ONE?!

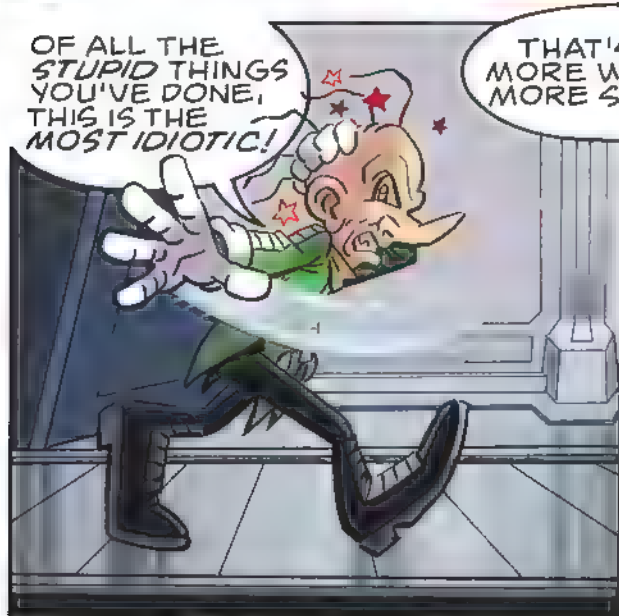
AN EX-KING
IS NOTHING COMPARED
TO LOSING TWO
OF THEIR OWN.



THEIR SPIRITS WILL BE
CRUSHED. BESIDES, AFTER TEN-
PLUS YEARS, I'M NOT PUSHING
MY LUCK.

YOU'RE
DISMISSED
FROM THE
DECK.

YOU'RE
RUINING
MY
FESTIVE
MOOD!



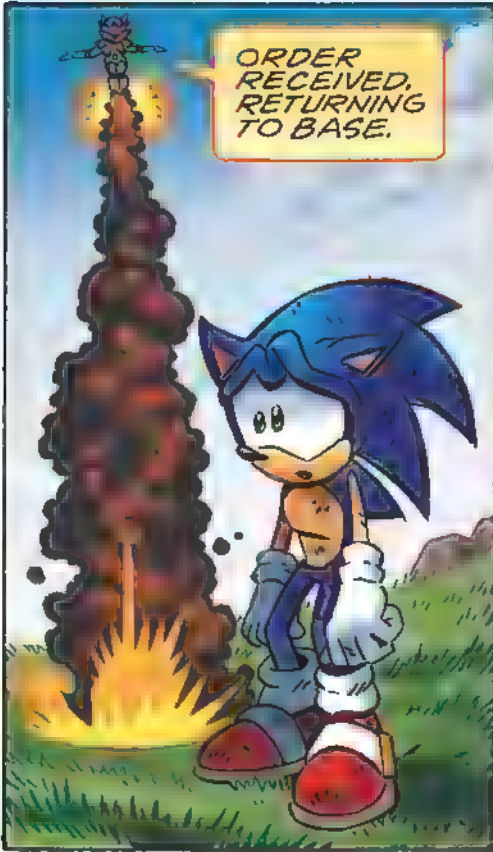
OF ALL THE
STUPID THINGS
YOU'VE DONE,
THIS IS THE
MOST IDIOTIC!

THAT'S IT! NO
MORE WAITING! NO
MORE SCHEMING!



IT'S TIME
I FINALLY
TOOK YOU
DOWN.*

*THIS
ISSUE
TAKES
PLACE
PRIOR TO
SONIC UNI-
VERSE #37. SEE
"SCRAMBLED"
IN SU#37-40
FOR THE
COMPLETE
STORY!



ORDER RECEIVED,
RETURNING
TO BASE.



ANTOINE...!
ANTOINE...!



--PLEASE RESPOND! SOMEBODY!
WHAT HAPPENED?
HOW IS THE COMMANDER?!

HE'S... HE'S...
LISTEN, YOU'RE IN
THE CLEAR NOW, YOU...
YOU JUST GET GOING.

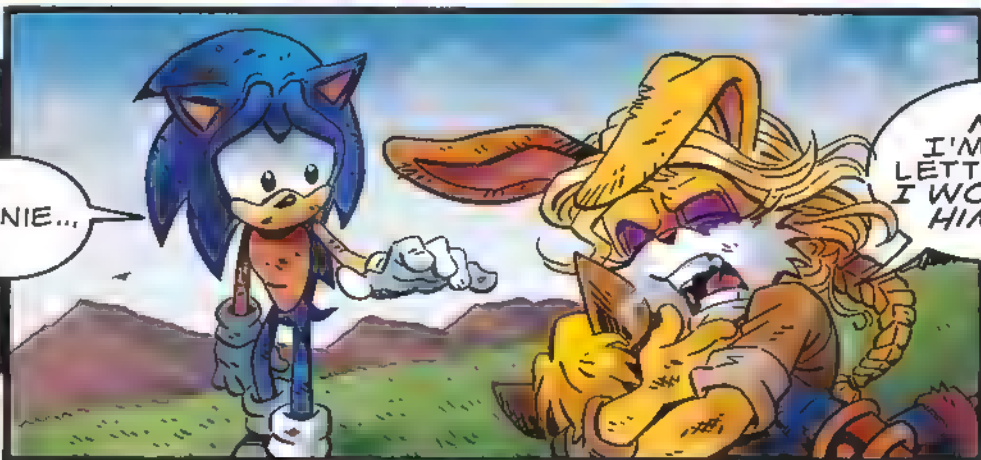
BUT...?!



HE MADE SURE
YOU COULD
GET AWAY
SAFELY.

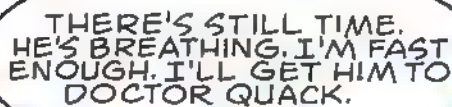


DON'T...
DON'T WASTE
THAT...

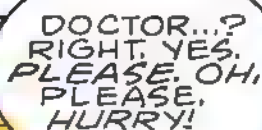


BUNNIE...

NO!
I'M NOT
LETTING GO!
I WON'T LET
HIM GO!



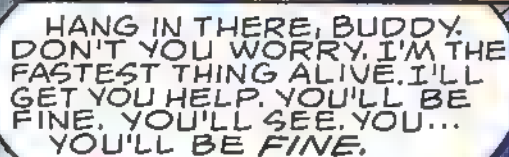
THERE'S STILL TIME. HE'S BREATHING. I'M FAST ENOUGH. I'LL GET HIM TO DOCTOR QUACK.



DOCTOR...? RIGHT, YES. PLEASE, OH, PLEASE, HURRY!



SAVE HIM, SONIC! SAVE HIM!




HANG IN THERE, BUDDY. DON'T YOU WORRY, I'M THE FASTEST THING ALIVE. I'LL GET YOU HELP. YOU'LL BE FINE. YOU'LL SEE, YOU... YOU'LL BE FINE.



No matter what challenge we meet tomorrow, or any other day, it will always be an honor to serve alongside my friends for the greater good.

--Antoine



NEXT TIME: **REMEMBER THE FALLEN**

UNTIL THEN, SEE SONIC UNIVERSE, SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, THE SONIC APP, AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL COLLECTION!

WHAT DO YOU ATTEMPT TO CONJURE NOW, VILKAIN?

NO SPELL WILL RID YOU OF US!

SILENCE, ALL OF YOU! I AM TRYING TO CONCENTRATE...

WHAT THE BLAZES IS THIS SIGNAL WAVELENGTH? IS SOMEONE THERE? ANSWER ME!

*THIS OCCURS BEFORE THE MAIN STORY.
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GREETINGS, DOCTOR! IT HAS BEEN AWHILE.

NAUGUS ?!

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TO WHAT DO I OWE THE DISPLEASURE?

CONSIDER THIS A COURTESY CALL--ONE CONQUOROR TO ANOTHER. I HAVE INFORMATION ON WHEN YOU WILL HAVE YOUR NEXT BEST SHOT AT DESTROYING THE QUICK-STER AND HIS FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

QUID PRO QUO, DOCTOR. INFORMATION FOR INFORMATION. MY APPRENTICE TELLS ME YOU'RE NOT QUITE THE MAN I REMEMBER.

I SEE. THIS INFO DOESN'T COME CHEAP...

TELL ME ...WHAT DO YOU RE-CALL...

...DOES IT?

...OF OUR FIRST MEETING?

ARE YOU JOKING? HMPH. I SUPPOSE IT WOULD SERVE ME TO COMPARE NOTES AS WELL.


IT WAS DURING MY, ER, YOUNGER DAYS, OLD MOBOTROPOLIS HAD RECENTLY FALLEN TO ME, AND I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT THE PROPERTIES OF THE ZONE OF SILENCE!

LET'S SEE HOW OL' KODOS AND MAX ARE DOING! CHORTLE!

I KNEW THE ZONE WAS DANGEROUS * I WASN'T ABOUT TO BE TRAPPED THERE, TOO, SO I ENTERED, THINKING I HAD COME PREPARED.

THIS DOESN'T SEEM SO BAD. BORING, REALLY.

*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUME 9.



"I BELIEVE THAT'S WHEN MY MINION, FEIST, FOUND YOU."

UNFORTUNATELY,

GREAT BALLS OF CHOLESTEROL!

WHO DARES TRESPASS IN FEIST'S DOMAIN?

"AND HE BROUGHT YOU TO ME, BETWEEN KODOS, MAXIMILLIAN, AND MY APPRENTICE, I HAD HEARD MUCH CONCERNING YOUR POWER-HUNGRY, TREASONOUS WAYS, AND THAT YOU HAD TAKEN OVER MY CITY."

YES, WELL, YOU WERE OUT DURING MY COUP D'ETAT!

"IN THE PRIME ZONE, YOU HAD ALL THE POWER, BUT IN MY ZONE, I HAD ABSOLUTE CONTROL!

"WE HAD MANY MERRY ADVENTURES, YOU AND I."

"BAH, PERHAPS MERRY FOR YOU, YOU DEMENTED GARGOYLE."

"YET DESPITE YOUR MAGICAL MUMBO-JUMBO, I WAS STILL ABLE TO CONTACT SNIVELY AND ARRANGE FOR HIM TO SUMMON ME BACK."

"AH...THOSE INNOCENT DAYS WHEN I COULD TRUST THE LITTLE RUNT..."

"AND BEFORE MAKING MY ESCAPE, I MADE SURE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HOSPITALITY!"

"I LIKED THAT THRONE!"

"OH, I'M SURE YOU JUST CONJURED A NEW ONE!"

SNIV-LEY!

S-S-S-S-SIR?

THEN THE FIRST ROBOTNIK WAR ENDED, YOU ESCAPED, AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, YOU KNOW THE REST. DID YOU HEAR? FEIST TOOK OVER THE ZONE NOW.

YES, AND NAMED IT THE "SPECIAL ZONE." SUCH A TRAVESTY.

CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE ZONE OF SILENCE FOR EXPANSION, BUT DON'T YOU EVER LET ME GO IN THERE AGAIN!

I WONDER WHAT HE DID WITH ALL MY EGG GRAPES*...

BUT I DIGRESS. I'VE TOLD YOU WHAT YOU WANTED TO KNOW. NOW MAKE GOOD ON THE DEAL, OR SO HELP ME I'LL--!

SAVE YOUR PETTY THREATS, DOCTOR. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE "HEROES" WOULD BE A BOON TO BOTH OF US.

THE FORMER KING ELIAS, WHO IS STILL DEAR TO MANY OF THE PEOPLE HERE, IS LEAVING THE CITY LATER TODAY. HE AND HIS FAMILY WILL BE ESCORTED BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

AH-HA-HA! AND THEY'LL ALL BE KEEPING CLOSE TO HIS CONVOY TO PROTECT IT. WHAT A NICE, CONCISE TARGET! SHALL I GLOAT ON YOUR BEHALF WHEN I ATTACK?

NO, NO. LET'S JUST KEEP THIS BETWEEN US. AFTER ALL, I HAVE AN IMAGE TO MAINTAIN FOR MY PUBLIC.

VERY WELL. I'LL DO THAT AS ANOTHER--HEH--PROFESSIONAL COURTESY.



FAREWELL, DOCTOR.

SIR, YOU WANTED ME TO REPORT WHEN THEY WERE MAKING THEIR PREPAR-- WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

MY KINGLY DUTIES.

COME, APPRENTICE! LET US WISH ELIAS AND THE OTHERS A FOND FAREWELL.

END





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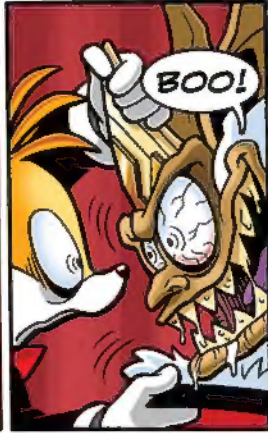
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DUO TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Dear Sonic-Grams, Issue #233 was truly outstanding, as well as the issues leading up to this and the Sonic Universe issues. I really enjoy the serious storyline; war isn't fair or pretty. The tragic events that the heroes and villains (I'm not calling Geoffrey a villain) have to deal with while they fight for reasons that motivated them in their ways makes them stand out in wonderful ways. It provides a lot more entertainment and enjoyment in opening a comic and reading. I love this issue as I am always curious how Geoffrey fit into the Kingdom of Acorns, and Antoine's prosecution was well thought out and epic. I do have high respect for him, especially since he's growing to be a strong and solid character.

Strong and solid indeed, as the end of this issue will attest. Discover his fate NEXT ISSUE!

I've been a life long fan of Sonic, and began collecting the comics around issue #28 and I have the Sonic Archives (all of them so far). I am a very happy fan that the comics are growing to become a deeper and serious world, I did like the silliness and the humorous comics of the past when I was young, but I may not

now. The cheeky humor is satisfied by the Off Panels; this issue was really created well!

The prime cheekster of said Off-Panel strips would be our resident cheek-oligist and chief of our pun derp-partment, Jon Gray!

Keep up the good work! And whatever happens to Sally, even if it's tragic or not, you'll have a life long fan!

Lonerli K. from Indiana

P.S. I want to give a shout out to Elias and his family's part in this issue. Best family to be in, so loyal and honorable to each other.

It will be interesting to see how Elias and the Acorns deal with the blow that has been dealt to their family and Kingdom, but judging by the end of 233, looks like there's a plan a-brewin'! Thanks for the letter, Lonerli!

Dear Sonic-Grams, I'd like to begin by saying that you guys do a phenomenal job on the comics. Recently, I've really liked the storyline a lot. One thing I enjoyed in my most recent issue, number 232, was the second story about Bunnie and Antoine. I thought the emotions were shown well, and I really got a different

sense from Scott and David Tipton's story. It was a nice change from the regular action-packed comics. Anyways, I'll have the usual.

1) Is Tails Doll going to have a larger and terrifying role in the comics?

I would tell you, but it's too creepy to think about... :shudder:

2) Thank you for having a Bivalve prelate in SU.

I assure you, the pleasure was all mine!

3) How many funny/enjoyable/amusing comments is the Sonic-Grams guy going to include in their answer?

Flattery will get you printed!

4) Please pass the letter to Eggman. Eggman, you are annoying and egg-shaped.

That's all I have to say!

Evan L. from Alberta, CANADA

Thanks for the letter, Evan! I'll pass along your message to Dr. Eggman - BUT be warned, he doesn't take kindly to insults! As everyone will find out when reading "SCRAMBLED" over in Sonic Universe! plugplugplugplug

See y'all next month!

NEXT ISSUE: 235



SILVER RETURNS!

CHANGES ABOUND IN THE WAR ON EGGMAN, AS THE ROAD TO 250 ROLLS ON!

"REMEMBER THE FALLEN"
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 4/10/12!

NEXT SONIC UNIVERSE: 38



IT'S A ROBOT SMACK-DOWN IN...
SCRAMBLED
PART 2 (OF 4)
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 3/27/12!

